

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 753

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to congratulate J.W. and Maria Bowman on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1960, in Aschaffenburg, Germany, J.W. "Johnnie" and Maria Bowman were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Bowman worked as assistant pressman, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike, for International Playing Card and Label for thirty-two years until his retirement in September 1999; and

WHEREAS, Maria Bowman retired in December 1998 after working for twenty years with acumen and alacrity for General Electric; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage is celebrated by their friends and family, including their beloved children and their spouses, Kathie Cox and her husband, Rick; Diannia Kesterson and her husband, Jayson; Stacey Bowman and his wife, April; Tracey Bowman and his wife, Amanda; and Troy Bowman;

WHEREAS, they are also the proud grandparents of Tara Cox, Madison Bowman, Katilyn Bowman, Jhase Kesterson, Kasie Bowman, and Mollie Bowman; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Bowmans' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate J.W. and Maria Bowman on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.